IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants   :   Carlos R. Plata-Salaman et al.
Serial No.   :
Filed   :
Title   :   CARBAMATE COMPOUNDS FOR USE IN PREVENTING OR
                  TREATING NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS

Art Unit   :
Examiner   :

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 20 and 32 as follows:

20. (Amended)   The method as in claim 1 wherein neurodegenerative disorders are selected from the group consisting of acute neurodegenerative disorders, chronic neurodegenerative disorders, other acute or chronic neurodegenerative disorders assosicated with memory loss and other acute or chronic neurodegenerative disorders associated with neuronal injury.

32. (Amended)   The method as in claim 1 wherein the therapeutically effective amount is from about 0.01 mg/Kg/dose to about 100 mg/Kg/dose.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-32 remain in this application. Claims 20 and 32 have been amended.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
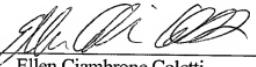
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

21. (Amended) The method as in claim[s] 1 [or 5] wherein neurodegenerative disorders are selected from the group consisting of acute neurodegenerative disorders, chronic neurodegenerative disorders, other acute or chronic neurodegenerative disorders assosicated with memory loss and other acute or chronic neurodegenerative disorders associated with neuronal injury.

33. (Amended) The method as in claim[s] 1 [or 5] wherein the therapeutically effective amount is from about 0.01 mg/Kg/dose to about 100 mg/Kg/dose.